



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuo OKADA

Application No.: 10/697,261

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For: GAMING MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0056

Examiner: S. Pandya

Art Unit: 3714

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated June 29, 2007, the period for response being extended to October 29, 2007, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 4 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)